

## JOHN 8A (8:1-29) Study (NLT) "ACCUSED" January 24, 2010 Vineyard Church • Great Falls, MT

• **THE MAIN POINT:** Jesus saves a woman caught in adultery from the judgment stated in the law of Moses—to be stoned to death. His saving her illustrates the purpose of His coming, which is to save everyone who has broken the laws of God (which is everyone).

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." - by taking our sins on himself.

• **8:1-6** Jesus said that what he did and taught was what the Father told him. He typically went to a solitary place to pray and enjoy the Father, to rest in Him and to be directed by Him. This time he had gone to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. He returns \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning and begins to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Temple. As he is teaching, the teachers of religious \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, his enemies, come bringing a woman they had caught in the act of \_\_\_\_\_ and put her in front of the crowd. They said what everyone knew was the law that came through \_\_\_\_\_ that she (and the man) should be \_\_\_\_\_ to death. They asked Jesus, "\_\_\_\_\_ do you say?" They knew he had a compassionate heart and knew he typically stood up for the underdog. They hoped he might say or do something that they could \_\_\_\_\_ against him.

• THE LAW OF MOSES was given to stop people by exhortation and punishment from hurting each other, poisoning the community life and offending God. Jesus substitutes a heart like his for the "law." We are "new creations." 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Love has been shed abroad in our hearts." (Romans 5:5) Jesus said, "You have often heard it said, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,... but I say unto you..." (Matthew 5:38) He did not abolish the law, the need for us to behave ourselves. He fulfilled it in Himself. He makes it possible for us to be good. (Matthew 5:17-19) Though people calling themselves Christians are still stoning people to death in one way or another, it is probable that they are not really Christians.

• **8:6-11** Jesus did not answer but stooped down and wrote in the \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_. His enemies kept demanding an answer, so he stands up and says, "All right, \_\_\_\_\_ her. But let those who have \_\_\_\_\_ sinned throw the \_\_\_\_\_ stones! Then he stooped down and began writing in the \_\_\_\_\_ again. When the \_\_\_\_\_ heard this, they sneaked away one by one, beginning with the \_\_\_\_\_, until Jesus was left standing with the woman surrounded by the crowd. He asks her, "\_\_\_\_\_ are your accusers? Didn't even \_\_\_\_\_ of them \_\_\_\_\_ you? \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, she replied. And Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ do I (and that includes the Father). Go and sin \_\_\_\_\_!"

• WROTE. Some say the first time He wrote the name of the man who had committed adultery with her (one of their buddies perhaps). And the second time, He wrote the names of their mistresses. (This is the gift of the "Word of Knowledge.") We continually see this kind of hypocrisy on the national scene. Those on top try to be immune from being judged by the sins they ruin others over. Adultery is a most common one.

• ACCUSE. In a sense, the Father God never accuses. He only pronounces the consequence of broken laws, whether they be physical, chemical, psychological, moral or spiritual. "The

son came not to condemn the world but to save it." John 3:17 "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29 "On him was laid the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6 "God forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing to Christ's cross." Colossians 2:13-14 "There is now no condemnation in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 "I will remember their iniquity no more." Hebrews 8:12 Now it is the Devil who is "the accuser of the brethren." Revelations 12:10 Accusers are his servants.

• SIN NO MORE. This was an impartation of the Holy Spirit's ability to be able to walk away from whatever addiction we have: substances, gambling, sexual, greed, pride, work, etc. We all have some addiction, that something we consume or do that makes us feel better for awhile. The only good addiction is a passion for Jesus.

• **8:12** What happens to us is that the Prince of Darkness, the god of this world, the Devil never stops telling lies and turning off the lights. He dulls the mind. He sours the milk of human kindness. He blinds the conscience. He threatens us through evil and violent men and makes us afraid to do what is right. The case in point is that the crowd had been about ready to pick up stones and throw them at this woman till she was dead. Jesus comes to turn on the lights again. He demonstrates the new life we have in His Spirit. He says, "I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. If you \_\_\_\_\_ me, you won't be \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_, because you will have the light that leads to \_\_\_\_\_."

• **8:13-18** The Pharisees say that Jesus is making \_\_\_\_\_ claims about himself. Jesus tells them that He is God come to this earth. Therefore, he has every right to judge, to say what is right and wrong. He tells them he knows where he \_\_\_\_\_ and where he is going. He has come from heaven and is returning to heaven. But they don't know that about him - his real history - the Christmas story. To him he is the son of Joseph the carpenter. Some have known him and his family for a lifetime. He judges as the wisdom of God incarnate and they judge him with their \_\_\_\_\_ limitations. Jesus says they are the ones making terrible judgments on people. He is not judging \_\_\_\_\_ to harm people. In fact, he had just saved this poor woman from their judgment. But if he did judge, it would be \_\_\_\_\_ -- correct in every respect because the Father who sent him is standing with Him and agreeing with him. Jesus quotes their law that says if \_\_\_\_\_ people agree on something, it is accepted as being true by other people. "I am \_\_\_\_\_ witness and "my" \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ me is the \_\_\_\_\_."

• **8:19-20** There seems to be an honest attempt to follow what Jesus is saying about himself. The people ask, "\_\_\_\_\_ is your father?" And later, "Tell us \_\_\_\_\_ you are." (8:25) What seems to be happening is that these people are not able to receive the revelation because "the Father is not drawing them to His Son." (6:44) Mostly, because they are not willing yet to do the will of God. "Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God..." (7:17) Jesus says that if they \_\_\_\_\_ Him (have revelation), it is because they already know the \_\_\_\_\_. And if they know \_\_\_\_\_, he will reveal the Father to them.

• **8:21-24** God come as a man stands before them. It is the same today. Jesus and his body, the Christian church, stand before people. Jesus tells the people that he comes from

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a different place than they do. He's \_\_\_\_\_ away—going home someday soon. And if they were to \_\_\_\_\_ for him, they wouldn't be able to \_\_\_\_\_ Him because He has gone to a different world. And they can \_\_\_\_\_ come to where he is going (because their un-forgiven sin will be like an anchor tied to them that will drag them down to hell). He is from the \_\_\_\_\_ world and they are from the \_\_\_\_\_ world. It is a bit of a jump for people living in the natural world to begin looking into the unseen, supernatural world and putting their trust in it. What people don't realize is that physical death and everyone's bondage to sin are part of the supernatural world. So Jesus tells them, "... you will \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ (and have a dreadful eternity) ...unless you believe I am who I say I am."

• 8:25-29 So the people demanded. "Tell us \_\_\_\_\_ you are!" Jesus says that He is who He has \_\_\_\_\_ claimed to be (which they have a problem accepting). Then he turns the focus on them and says that he has a bone to pick with them too—much to \_\_\_\_\_ them for -- but he's not doing that because he always does what he \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father who sent him (and the Father is not telling him to judge and condemn them). In fact, the Father is going to lay their sins and their condemnation on His Son on the cross instead. Jesus tells them, "When you have \_\_\_\_\_ up the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_, then you will realize that I \_\_\_\_\_ He and that I do nothing on my own." The one who sent me is with me now. He has not \_\_\_\_\_ me and He won't because I always do what \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**What Does This Scripture Say To You?** \_\_\_\_\_